Exit policy for small scale industry

2392. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) what are the reasons for the delay in formulating exit policy for small scale industry;

(b) what relief is proposed for technocrats whose units have failed;

(c) what measures, if any, are contemplated to give a second chance to technocrats with sick units in the small scale sector; and

(d) what are the steps being taken to resolve the problem of entrepreneurs with sick units in the small scale sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (d) A committee to review the arrangements for meeting the working capital requirements of small scale industries and for the rehabilitation of sick small scale industries and to examine any other issue relating to small scale industries has been appointed vide RBI memorandum dt. 9.12.91. The committee is expected to submit the report by 30.6.1992.

ASSOCHAM'S request regarding sick public/private sector units

2393. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India has urged upon Government to set up a national fund to take care of the employees of the sick units both in the public and private sectors; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have set up the National Renewal Fund which would, *inter-alia* take care of the employees of the sick units, both in public and private sectors.

Data on industrial alcohol

2394. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Distillary Industry has frustrated an official's attempt to secure full data required for calculating a fresh statutory price of industrial alcohol as reported in the Indian Express, dated 7th February, 1992 under captioned "Distilleries evade BICP Inquiry";

(b) whether it is also a fact that the BICP in its recent report on industrial alcohol have stated that the industry's response to its questionnaire has been very poor; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Implementation of New Industrial Policy

2395. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the specific steps taken by Government to implement its policy decision to make the Boards of public sector companies more professional and vest them with greater powers to upgrade the Technical expertise to make the MOU negotiations and implementation more effective and to place in Parliament the MOU signed between Government and Public Enterprises which were part of the Industrial Policy Statement of 24th January, 1991;

(b) whether the evaluation of the MOUs signed by the PSUs for the years 1990-91 and 1991-92 has been completed and if so, what are the final results in each case; and

(c) if not, what are reasons of delay in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The specific steps taken by the Government to implement its policy in respect of MOUs as enunciated in the Industrial Policy Statement of 24 July, 1991 are as under:

(i) Action has been initiated for making the Boards more professional.

(ii) Delegation of additional powers to the Boards of PSUs is being periodically reviewed and in this regard an exercise is currently underway in order to dedermine the extent of enhanced powers that can be delegated to the MOU signing companies in respect of making new investments, renewals/replacements and setting up of point ventures.

(iii) MOUs to be entered into by the Government with PSEs for 1991-92 and 1992-93 will be laid on the Table of the House by the concerned Ministry/Department.

(iv) The evaluation of 1990-91 MOUs has been completed and the same forms a part of the Public Enterprises Survey for 1990-91 (Vol. I, Chapter-14, pages 160—161) which was placed on the Table of the House on the 5th March, 1992. In so far as the evaluation of the 1991-92 MOUs is concerned the same shall be taken up once the audited accounts of the MOU signing PSEs are finalised and adopted on or before 30th September, 1992.

(c) Does not arise.

2396. [*Transferred to the 17th March*, 1992].

Cut in production by companies

2397. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that several Indian companies have decreased their production; and

(b) if so, the names of those companies and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) As per the returns submitted by the Indian companies to the Directorate General of Technical Development (DGTD), there has been a decline in production. However, such decline in production is not due to the out in production declared by the companies but due to factors such as shortage of raw-materials, power shortage, lack of orders, etc.

2398. [*Transferred to the 17th March*, 1992].

Inclusion of Singareni Collieries Company Limited in Coal India Limited

2399. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include Singareni Collieries Company Limited in Coal India Limited as one of ts subsidaries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B NYAMAGOUDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of a National Renewal Fund

2400. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to IMF pressure, Government announced the setting up of National Renewal Fund before beginning of the Parliament Session; and